

VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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URGENT PRESS RELEASE

The Crestwood Police Department is investigating another deceptive practice against a Senior Citizen.

One of our elderly residents was contacted on the phone and told that he was the winner of 8 million dollars through Price Water House. The victim was told that that he would have to cover the legal fees and paperwork.

In a 30 day period, our victim has sent over \$30,000 in electronic wire transfers and money orders to out of state addresses.

The only way we are ever going to stop these crimes from happening is with education. Please take just a few minutes and reach out to a senior, whether it be a parent, aunt/uncle, grandparents, or neighbors and explain to them how easy it is to be taken advantage of. These con artists are professionals and they prey on the seniors. We need your help to stop it!

- Do not let any strangers in your home
- Do not give any information over the phone
- Do not send any money to anyone that request it, unless you have confirmed who they are.
- Do not allow anyone to pressure you, even if they threaten you with collection agencies or even arrest, this is usually a scam.
- Do not believe anyone who says they are the IRS and you owe money.
- Do not believe anyone who says that your relatives are in jail or in the hospital and need money, this is usually a scam.
- The lottery will not call you and tell you that you have won, and they won't ask you to send money.

**If you have any questions, always call the Crestwood Police Department
at 708-385-5131**

*****IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!*****